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*Congresswoman McCollum to Serve on Interior-Environment and Military  
Construction-Veterans Affairs Subcommittees*

**Washington, DC** - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement on her appointment to two House Appropriations Subcommittees for the 112th Congress.

McCollum will serve on the Interior and Environment Subcommittee, which in FY2010 appropriated \$32.2 billion for federal agencies including the Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Indian Health Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, Smithsonian Institution, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

She will also serve on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee which appropriated \$182.5 billion in FY2010 for Department of Defense Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the American Battle Monuments Commission.

"As a member of the House Appropriations Committee I have an obligation to work to make smart and fiscally responsible investments that will strengthen our country and fulfill the promises we've made to our citizens. My subcommittee assignments in the 112th Congress will allow me the opportunity to work to protect our national parks, ensure Americans have clean air and water, and that quality health care for veterans and Native Americans is accessible. These are important issues for Minnesota and I am determined to keep the focus on ensuring the federal government meets its obligation to our families, our veterans, and our environment."

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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